

## SENATE BILL 1 STEERING COMMITTEE

August 12, 2009 10 a.m. – 12 noon (ET)

Meeting Room A, Council on Postsecondary Education

Frankfort, KY

### MEMO OF RECORD

<i>Attendance</i>	The following members attended: Robert L. King (co-chair), Terry Holliday (co-chair), David Williams, Carl Rollins, Phillip Rogers, and Barbara Burch for Gary Ransdell. Helen Mountjoy and Stu Silberman did not attend.
<i>Welcome and Opening Remarks</i>	CPE President Robert King and Education Commissioner Terry Holliday (co-chairs of the committee) welcomed members and gave an overview of the committee's goals and mission. With Senate Bill 1, the Kentucky Department of Education, in collaboration with the Council on Postsecondary Education, will plan and implement a comprehensive process for revising the academic content standards. The steering committee will oversee the collaborative work and provide guidance to the various work groups. Professional development for K-12 teachers and college readiness also will be addressed. Committee membership includes representatives from the legislature, state government agencies, and the education community.
<i>Role of the Steering Committee</i>	<p>The role of the steering committee is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide oversight to the implementation of the comprehensive process and the revision of standards and the professional development process.</li><li>• Review the process and timeline to revise K-12 to college entry-level course content standards.</li><li>• Report policy implications for each representative agency.</li><li>• Provide guidance for evaluation of process and next steps.</li></ul> <p>Senator Williams suggested, and committee members agreed, to invite additional representatives to the committee (to include chairs of the House and Senate Education Committee, the House and Senate Appropriations and Revenue Committee, and the Budget Review Subcommittee and a member of the minority party from the House and the Senate).</p>
<i>Status Report on SB 1 Activities</i>	<p>KDE's Michael Miller and CPE's Dr. Sue Cain gave an update on SB 1 activities, specifically the plan and implementation of a comprehensive process for revising the academic content standards. SB 1 has the following requirements: focus on critical knowledge, skills, and capacities; result in fewer but more in-depth standards; be based on evidence-based research; consider international benchmarks; and ensure the standards are common from high school to introductory course expectations in postsecondary institutions.</p> <p>Partners in the SB 1 work include representatives from: the General Assembly, CPE (including Adult Education), KDE, Kentucky Board of Education, the Education Professional Standards Board, Education and Workforce Cabinet, Legislative Research Commission, postsecondary institutions, P-12, Collaborative Center for Literacy Development, Kentucky Center for Mathematics, the Committee for Mathematics Achievement, and others.</p> <p>SB 1 work content groups will be convened to provide updated reports to the steering committee. The work groups are comprised of postsecondary education faculty, P-12 educators, representatives of the Collaborative Center for Literacy Development, the Kentucky Mathematics Center, the Kentucky Mathematics Committee, the Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation, and others.</p> <p>The SB 1 work groups will analyze the common core standards that will be released by the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers and will make recommendations. A common set of high school exit and college entrance standards will be developed. The K-12 standards will be developed to match the readiness levels of success in college and the workplace. Kentucky's deadline to finalize and approve the mathematics standards is December 15, 2009.</p>

	<p>Dr. Cain gave an update on the College Readiness Work Group. The group first met in June 2009 and is cataloging evidence-based practices for promoting college and workplace readiness. The purpose of this group is to develop a unified strategy to (1) increase the number of high school graduates who are college-ready and (2) graduate more students entering postsecondary institutions with remediation needs. SB 1 requires that college remediation rates be reduced by 50 percent by 2014 in comparison to the 2010 rate and that the graduation rates of students entering postsecondary institutions with developmental needs be increased by three percent annually from 2009 to 2014.</p>
<i>Discussion of Pertinent Policy Questions and Next Steps</i>	<p>Mr. King said that with implementation of SB 1, professional development needs to be front and center for K-12 teachers and postsecondary faculty in teacher preparation programs. He said that professional development needs to be on the agenda at future meetings.</p> <p>Other considerations include: P-20 database and the involvement of state and local P-16 councils and educational cooperatives</p> <p>Mr. King reviewed the process and timeline for revision of K-12 to college entry-level course content standards plan. Availability of mathematics and language arts standards from the national effort, originally scheduled to be released the week of August 17, has been delayed until mid-September. KDE hopes to have the grade-by-grade standards in mathematics relatively soon. There is concern regarding the December 15 deadline for approval of the mathematics standards. The Council of Chief State School Officers has said that the grade-by-grade standards will be released by December. CPE, KDE, and EPSB are considering a joint meeting for approval of the elementary, middle, and high school common core standards for mathematics in January 2010.</p> <p>Dr. Holliday gave an update on the Race To The Top fund. KDE has hired the consulting group Bridgespan to help in the development of Kentucky's RTTT application. Applications will be due in December 2009, with funds awarded in February 2010. Fifty percent of the awarded funds must go to local education agencies (school districts). The districts must meet the criteria of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: standards, assessments, teacher effectiveness, and improving low-performing schools. RTTF funding can provide \$200 million over a three-year period. This funding could help Kentucky with implementation costs related to SB 1.</p> <p>Representative Rollins said the committee's work should be transparent. After each meeting, staff will prepare a news release. KDE staff is developing a Web page that would include the committee's activities and minutes, RTTT work, and updates on the progress of SB 1 implementation.</p> <p>Mr. King has had discussions with P-16 Council Chair Billy Harper regarding the role that the P-16 Council and local councils can play in the successful implementation of SB 1 efforts.</p>
<i>Meeting Schedule</i>	<p>Future meetings: September 18- KDE; October 5-CPE; November 2-KDE; and December 7-CPE.</p>
<i>Adjournment</i>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 12 noon ET.</p>

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